

Amendment No. 1 to SB0987

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 987\***

**House Bill No. 1109**

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1.

(a) The office of research and education accountability (OREA) in the office of the comptroller of the treasury shall study and report on local education agencies' use of the substantial funding increases provided by the state share of funds generated for components within the instructional salaries and wages category of the basic education program in fiscal years 2015-2016, 2016-2017, and 2017-2018. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) The reasons that a record increase in state funding for teachers has resulted in stagnation of local contributions to instructional salaries and benefits;

(2) The percentage and amount of funding used for current teacher salary increases, and the basis for those salary increases;

(3) The percentage and amount of funding used for current teacher benefit changes, and the basis for those changes;

(4) The percentage and amount of funding used for hiring new teachers;

(5) The percentage and amount of funding used for teacher aides, assistants, or similar positions; and

(6) Any instances of funding provided by the state share of funds generated for components within the instructional salaries and wages category of the basic education program that are not utilized for that purpose.

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(b) The department of education shall provide OREA any information needed and requested for purposes of the study conducted pursuant to subsection (a).

(c) OREA shall report its findings to the education committee of the senate and the education administration and planning committee of the house of representatives no later than January 31, 2019.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

All four-year public institutions of higher education are authorized to create a school of classical liberal virtue within the institution to teach courses on classical liberal political theory, classical economics, and the morality of the founding fathers of the United States constitution, utilizing original source materials.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.